



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Parents/carers to read and re-familiarise themselves with the school's Home School Reading Routines.
 - All pupils to check eschools for weekly home learning tasks (parents/carers to contact school with issues logging in).
 - Pupils in KS2 to bring trainers in to school each day for 'Mini London Marathon' event.
 - Make a note of dates and times for Christmas events (see below).
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SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

HOME LEARNING:

All pupils (including Reception Class) will now receive a weekly message from their class teacher with weekly home learning tasks. Please help your child to access their tasks which will provide a little consolidation of key learning in English and Maths at home. Home learning tasks go alongside our expectations for daily reading as outlined in our Home School Reading Routines (see attached).

CURRICULUM INFORMATION:

Curriculum information booklets, distributed this week at the 'meet the teacher' events, can be viewed/downloaded here: <http://www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk/curriculum.html>

SPORTS UPDATE:

We are delighted to report that our school football team were crowned Durham FA school's district champions on a fiercely contested night of action this week. The team have now qualified for the Durham FA schools semi-finals. We continue to wish the team well as they progress in the tournament.

We are also hugely proud of our girls' football team who participated in their first event of the year. The team demonstrated admirable skill, teamwork and effort on the day representing the school wonderfully. We hope to enjoy further success with the girls' team over the coming months.

MINI LONDON MARATHON:

Pupils across school will be taking part in a 'Mini London Marathon' at school next week. Inspired by the main event, which takes place on Sunday, pupils will be walking, jogging, running or wheeling (at least) 2.6 miles over the course of the week. Pupils in KS2 (who will be aiming for further distances in each 'run') should bring their trainers to change into each day. We will share some pictures of how we get on over the course of the week via our school Twitter feed (@whickhamstmarys) and website.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

FURTHER TERM DATES – CHRISTMAS:

We have further term dates to share with regards some planned Christmas events – please see below:

DATE/TIME	EVENT
13.12.22 9:30am	Y1 and 2 Christmas Play (performance 1)
13.12.22 2pm	Y3 and 4 Christmas Play (performance 1)
14.12.22 9:30am	Y3 and 4 Christmas Play (performance 2)
14.12.22 2pm	Y1 and 2 Christmas Play (performance 2)
15.12.22 9:30am	Y5 and 6 Christmas Play (performance 1)
15.12.22 6pm	Y5 and 6 Christmas Play (performance 2)
16.12.22 10am	Reception Class Nativity Play
22.12.22 9:30am	Mass at St Mary's RC Church followed by refreshments in school (all welcome)

**We promise that this is the last time we will mention the 'C-word' for a while!*

REMINDER – SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

There will be a meeting at school at 4:30pm on Wednesday 12th October for parents/carers who are interested in their child receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Mary's RC Church, Whickham during the 2022/23 academic year. Pupils must be from Y4 (or above) and be baptised Catholic (or with an intention to be). Pupils should not attend this initial meeting. Please get in touch with Mr Wheatley if you have any questions in advance of the meeting.

REMINDER – TERM DATES:

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd December 2022 for staff inset. As such, the last day of the Autumn Term will be Thursday 22nd December 2022. There will be two further inset days to be planned for the current academic year.